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YOKA Mangono
(Phonetic: YOkA)

ZAIRE

State Commissioner for
Foreign Affairs and Inter-
national Cooperation
(since October 1981)

Addressed as:
Mr. State Commissioner



A competent and pop-
ular lawyer and former
legislator, Yoka Mangono
has had no experience in
foreign relations other
than that gained while
attending international
parliamentary conferences
and lawyers' meetings.

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native of the Lake Mai-Ndombe area of Bandundu

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Region, Yoka has been close to other prominent officials from the same area, especially First State Commissioner (prime minister) Nsinga Udjuu. By appointing Yoka to the cabinet, Mobutu has moved toward placating this influential regional group, which has resented Mobutu's favoritism toward officials from Equateur, the President's home region.

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Career

Yoka received a law degree from the University of Liège in Belgium and an economic law degree from the University of Brussels during the late 1960s. In the 1970s he practiced law and served on the Legislative Council, where he earned a reputation for defending the law, especially in the area of human rights. Yoka gained Mobutu's favor in 1980 when he defended the President's right to draw up the nation's budget without interference from the legislature. Subsequently he was appointed to the influential Central Committee of the Popular Movement of the Revolution, Zaire's sole political party. He has also served as president of the Kinshasa Bar Association (1979).

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Personal Data

[redacted] Yoka, 42, [redacted]
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[redacted] He visited the United States as an International Visitor Program grantee in March 1980 but had to cut short his trip when invited to accompany Mobutu on a state visit to China. Yoka speaks French. He is married to a physician from Guadeloupe.

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